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Symbolism: Another Mockingbird *Group Activity*

A symbol is an object or action that stands for something else. In Chapter 30, Scout likens putting Boo Radley in the spotlight to shooting a mockingbird, setting up another piece of symbolism in the novel. This activity helps you analyze a key event in the novel while providing practice in taking a personal stand and supporting your ideas with textual evidence.

Directions: Consider the ways that Boo Radley functions as a mockingbird. Then, prepare yourself for a class debate on the use of this symbol by pondering the focus question below and writing down an explanation for your viewpoint.

Focus Question

Which character, Boo Radley or Tom Robinson, is a better mockingbird symbol?

In the space below, write your answer to the question. For the purposes of the debate, take one side or the other. Do not say they are equal.

In the space below, explain why your answer is the best answer. Consider other options as well and be prepared to explain why they are not the best answer.